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The Fall Conference listed for November 14th in Lake George is still scheduled to take place with International Director Larry Edwards scheduled as our main speaker. ID Edwards hails from Altoona, PA, a state that as of today appears on the watch list, but not on the NYS quarantine or restricted travel list.

See Page 37 for submission instructions.

November 2020

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Everyone needs to make their own personal safety assessment as the District observes applicable safety requirements. The maximum room headcount will be 50 or less, the meeting room has been moved to the larger ballroom so we can space out the tables better while practicing social distancing, face masks are encouraged, and we will have hand sanitizer available.

As we did in Canton, the Conference will be both in-person and via Zoom with the Zoom invite and link going out in the next few days. If you are not able to attend in-person, please take advantage of the Zoom link to attend from your own location.

The theme of the Conference is "Community Service During a Pandemic" and we will host around a dozen speakers giving step-by-step instructions on how to hold smaller but meaningful community service projects at little to no cost to Clubs while observing social distancing and other protocols.

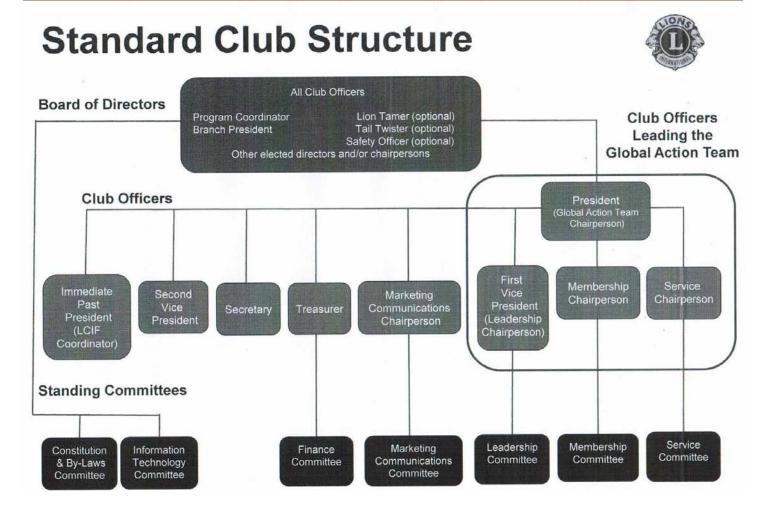
Suggested service projects will include Highway Cleanup; a Veterans project; diabetes awareness and education, childhood cancer projects, Regional Food Pantries of the Capital Region, food drops, Remembrance Tree, Hearing Conservation, LCIF, projects to help the visually impaired, and several other topics. Most presentations will be in-person but some presenters will lead their portion via Zoom.

An invitation will be going out to all Club Presidents and Secretaries shortly about an orientation session for new and newer (three years and less) Lions. My hope is that Club officers will actively encourage all new and newer Lions to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the various resources available to Lions as well as some of the wonderful service projects our Clubs hold locally. This is an exceptional opportunity for us to 'tell our story' about some of the innovative and exciting projects we do as Lions.

In the meantime, stay safe, stay well, and wear masks!

Yours in Lionism, DG Rick Brisee





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District Notes



LIONS DISTRICT 20W FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 14, 2020



Keynote Address Lions International Director Larry L. Edwards Altoona, PA

Courtyard by Marriott Lake George 365 Canada St., US9, Lake George

> 9:00am Registration \$30/pp Includes Lunch

* Limited to 50 People in Attendance * MUST RSVP IN ADVANCE to Attend!



 Meeting will be held in compliance with CDC recommendations including social distincting.



Program Theme Community Service Projects

International Vice President Doug Alexander is the candidate for International President from Multiple District 20, of which our District is a part.

For anyone planning on attending the International Convention in Montreal on June 25-29, 2021 and marching in the parade, of which MD20 will have the honor of marching first, it will be required that you wear this shirt.

> Information for ordering can be found at: www.douglasxalexander.org/store/c2/Commemorative_Shirts.html (or www.tinyurl.com/y2rvr3nn)

> > Please reach out if you have any questions.

CS Barbara A. Bentley bbentley@saratogaspringslions.com 518-894-1375 cell phone





GENERAL ATTENDEE

103RD LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC, CANADA • FRIDAY, JUNE 25 - TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021





CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE - SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation and to request a refund for registration, housing and/or ticketed event.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Before January 8, 2021 - room reserved in delegation	hotel based on availability			
After January 8, 2021 🔲 I prefer my delegation hote				
Arrival Day/Date Departure Day/Date				
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Special Requirements: Wheelchair Accessible Other:				
• US \$200 Hotel Deposit is per room and credited to your hotel bill at check out.				
 Room requests are subject to hotel availability 				
PACKAGE B				
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,	US \$125 Quanti	ity:	Amount Due \$:	
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		SERVICE PROJ	ECTS IN MONTRÉAL	
I am interested in participating in a hands-	on community servi	ice project during the	Montréal International Convention	n.
		LEOS AND YOU	NG LIONS INTEREST	
I am interested in receiving information on questions, please email membership@lion:	sessions and activi sclubs.org	ties for and about Lee	os and Young Lions (Leo-Lions, C	ampus Lions Clubs and Student Members). If you have
		REGISTRATION	FEES AND PAYMENT	
Full payment is required with this form. US Cu	rrency only. Checks	and money orders m	ust be drawn on US Banks. Visa,	Mastercard & Discover accepted.
REGISTRATION FEES				
EARLY (Before January 8, 2021)	Adult/	Leo-Lion: US \$175	Omega Leo: US \$100	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20
REGULAR (January 9, 2021 - March 31, 2021)	Adult/	Leo-Lion: US \$225	Omega Leo: US \$100	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20
LATE (April 1, 2021 - Onsite)		Leo-Lion: US \$250	Omega Leo: US \$100	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20
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• Fax: (630) 571-1689	,	,	,	
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Personal checks should be mailed.				
 After processing this form, Lions International will email your Official Registration Confirmation. Please print your Official Registration Confirmation and bring it to the convention in order to obtain your name badge. A photo ID is required. 				
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To avoid a duplicate, please do not mail original if faxed or emailed.

District Governor's Visitation Schedule for 2020 - 2021

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Alphabetical		Chronological	
Albany & Troy	Nov 4	emeneregiea	
Ballston Spa	Jan 20		
Bethlehem	Oct 21	Scotia-Glenville	Sep 15
Broadalbin Perth	Jan 14	Ogdensburg	Sep 13 Sep 17
Cambridge	Apr 21	Mechanicville-Still	Sep 28
Cent Mohawk Valley	11p1 21	Lisbon	Oct 6
Chazy	Oct 20	Hadley-Luzerne	Oct 7
Clifton-Fine	Oct 12	Peru	Oct 8
Clinton	Feb 25	Clifton-Fine	Oct 12
Deerfield	Feb 10	New Hart NYM White	Oct 12
Duane	Feb 3	Northville Sac	Oct 15
Edwards	Nov 9	Town of Wright/Schoh	Oct 19
Fonda & Fultonville	Mar 10	Chazy	Oct 20
Galway	Jan 11	Bethlehem	Oct 21
Glens Falls	Jan 26	Lake Placid	Oct 26
Gouverneur	Juli 20	Long Lake	Oct 27
Greater Amsterdam		Newcomb	Oct 28
Plattsburgh	Nov 2	1 concomb	00120
Greater Johnstown	Jan 27	Albany & Troy	Nov 4
Greater Ravena	Apr 28	Greenwich	Nov 5
Greenwich	Nov 5	Edwards	Nov 9
Hadley-Luzerne	Oct 7	Town of Greenfield	Nov 11
Heuvelton		Town of Schroon	Nov 16
Holland Patent	Nov 17	Holland Patent	Nov 17
Lake Placid	Oct 26	Louisville	Nov 18
Lisbon	Oct 6	Utica	Dec 7
Long Lake	Oct 27	Speculator	Dec 17
Louisville	Nov 18	Waterford	Jan 6
Malone	Apr 14	Galway	Jan 11
Marcy Telephone	Jul 1	Broadalbin Perth	Jan 14
Mechanicville-Still	Sep 28	Ballston Spa	Jan 20
New Hart NYM White	Oct 13	Town of Hoosick	Jan 21
Newcomb	Oct 28	Glens Falls	Jan 26
Northville Sac	Oct 15	Greater Johnstown	Jan 27
Ogdensburg	Sep 17	Duane	Feb 3
Peru	Oct 8	Deerfield	Feb 10
Plattsburgh	Nov 2	Clinton	Feb 25
Quad Town	Apr 8	Raquette River	Mar 2
Raquette River	Mar 2	Tupper Lake	Mar 4
Saranac Lake		Fonda & Fultonville	Mar 10
Saratoga Springs	Jan 7	Quad Town	Apr 8
Sauquoit Valley		Malone	Apr 14
Schuylerville		Cambridge	Apr 21
Scotia-Glenville	Sep 15	Greater Ravena	Apr 28
Speculator	Dec 17		-
Town of Greenfield	Nov 11		
Town of Hoosick	Jan 21		
Town of Schroon	Nov 16		
Town of Wright/Schoh	Oct 19		
Tupper Lake	Mar 4		
Utica	Dec 7		
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Jan 6

Waterford



Fellow Lions,

One of our greatest assets that we share as Lions is our opportunity to share ideas and successes with each another! Many successful service projects and fundraisers are the result of sharing and listening to what each other is doing. On Saturday, November 14th, we'll have another opportunity to do so at our District's Fall Conference at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Lake George. Please refer to the Conference details in this newsletter to learn how to register.

The conference will feature an array of speakers covering a number of Service projects, designed for our clubs to take home and perform during these challenging times. We'll be honored to have Natasha Pernicka, the Executive Director of The Food Pantries of the Capital District coalition join us. She'll discuss the role that Lions can have working alongside our local food pantries to address food insecurity in our communities. We'll also have vendor tables representing initiatives that will provide a wealth of information to our Conference participants!

Financing your projects can be enhanced with grants from LCIF, the Brandel Murphy Lions Youth Foundation and the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation. A number of our District clubs have secured grants this year from the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation to be used toward support for youth Backpack programs! We look forward to also sharing this valuable financial information with you at the Conference!

As we move into the heart of our Lions year, please take the opportunity to explore and share new ideas with your fellow Lions! We hope to see you on the 14th in Lake George!

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Lion John McDonald District 20W GST Chairman

10 UPCOMING EVENTS

International and MD20 Events

LCI Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Chicago, IL	Nov 9-11, 2020
Lions Day at the United Nations, NYC	March 20, 2021
2021-2022 Lions Club Officer Reporting Due	May 15, 2021
MD-20 NYS & Bermuda Convention, Syracuse, NY	May 14-16, 2021
LCI 103rd International Convention, Montreal	June 25-29, 2021

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND EVENTS

20WLions.org ~ members.lionsclubs.org/EN/events/calendar.php

District 20W 2020 - 2021 Club Events

Saratoga Lions/Mama Mia Pasta Wednesday...... Every Wednesday until further notice Glens Falls Lions/Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake...... November 1, 2020 Fall Conference...... November 14, 2020 Lighting of Galway Lioness Memory Tree...... November 29, 2020

Do you know what today is?.... It's PASTA WEDNESDAY!



Mama Mia's Restaurant Saratoga Springs NY

Fresh Pasta Dinner To-Go!

\$20.00 Without Wine



All proceeds to benefit the Saratoga Springs Lions Box Includes:

- 1 Lb Fettuccine
- 1 Lb Cavatelli
- 1 16oz Sauce
- 1 Loaf of Bread

Pick Up 3pm - 7pm

Or call 518-212-7752 before 12noon on Wednesday to place your order.





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LIONS DISTRICT 20W FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, November 14, 2020

Courtyard by Marriott Lake George 365 Canada St., US 9, Lake George NY 12845 9:00 AM Registration

Meeting Start Time 9:30 \$30 per person; Includes Lunch Coffee & pastries will be available in the morning

THEME: Community Service Projects

Please share this with all of the members in your club and encourage them to attend.

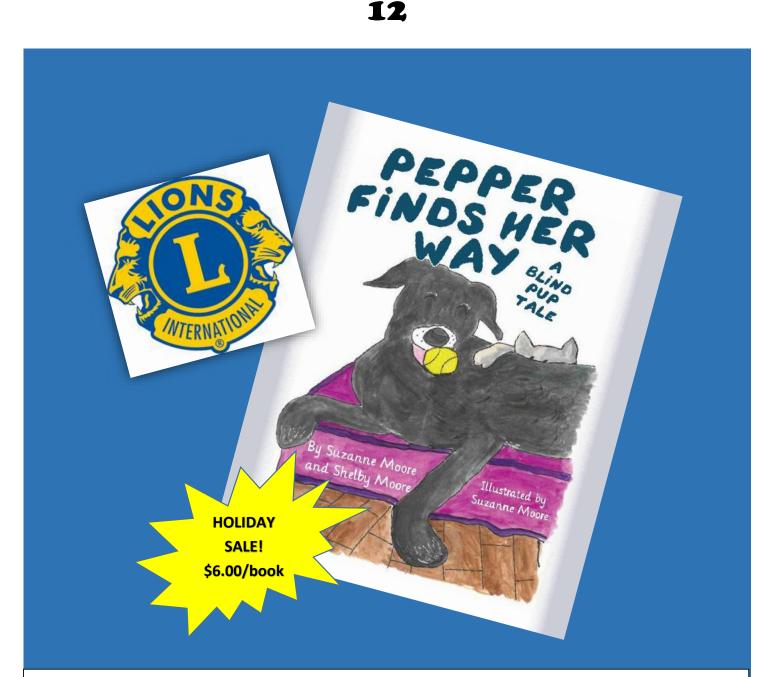
If you are attending, please send the bottom part of this form and your check for \$ 30.00 to CS Barbara Bentley, PO Box 1031 Guilderland, NY 12084. Make checks payable to: District 20W Lions Clubs. Please return this no later than Friday, November 6, 2020.

The meeting will be held in compliance with CDC recommendations, including social distancing and a maximum of 50 attendees. **Therefore you MUST R.S.V.P. in advance in order to attend!**

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling the Marriott at 518-761-1150. Rooms have been set aside for 11/13 & 11/14 at a discounted rate of \$109/night. Guests can make reservations referencing the **Lions Club Annual Meeting.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact CS Barbara Bentley at 518-894-1375 or bbentley@saratogaspringslions.com.

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	Email:
CS Barbara Ben	0.00 per person. Please mail your check to: atley ~ PO Box 1031 Guilderland, NY 12084 as payable to: District 20W Lions Clubs.



Pepper[®] a dog like any other dog, except one day, she can[®] see anymore. Pepper was diagnosed with diabetes and lost her sight but being a dogged dog, Pepper never lost her will or her wag! She is now the mascot of the Plattsburgh Lions Club and in conjunction with the club, her owner, illustrator and co-author, Suzanne Moore and co-author Shelby Moore of *Pepper Finds Her Way; A Blind Pup Tale,* Pepper is spreading the story of how she found her way again.

Contact the Plattsburgh Lions Club on their Facebook page, by e-mail at plattsburghlions@gmail.com or visit our Amazon page to buy your copy of *Pepper Finds Her Way; A Blind Pup Tale*

Regular Price \$10.00

All proceeds benefit the Plattsburgh Lions Club



Need help managing your diabetes? Want to prevent diabetes?

DINING WITH DIABETES

a program for people with diabetes or prediabetes and their family members. Participants will learn how to fit carbohydrates into a healthy menu, effectively use food labels, choose meals at a restaurant and adopt other healthy habits to help manage diabetes through healthy eating. Recipes will be provided. Time provided for Q&A. Diabetes & Covid19 will be discussed.

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JOIN US VIA ZOOM: CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ALBANY, SARATOGA & WARREN COUNTIES

NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19 & DECEMBER 3 & 10 12 NOON OR 7 PM ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENTED BY NUTRITION EDUCATORS

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DIANE WHITTEN, MS CCE SARATOGA CO. DSH23@CORNELL.EDU 518-885-8995

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Zoom Registration Link: Dining with Diabetes Registration

Wearing a mask with your hearing aids



Clever tips to protect your ears and hearing aids while wearing a mask



If you have long hair, pull it back into a bun and loop the elastics around the bun.



Create a "mask extender" out of fabric or ribbon about 4 inches long. Buttons sewn on either side allows for a place to put the elastic other than your ears.



Sew 2 large buttons onto a soft headband, placing the buttons to line up with each ear. Looping the elastic around each button will take the strain off your ears.



Use masks with string or ribbons that tie in the back. There are YouTube videos on creating masks that tie, which puts absolutely no pressure on the ears.

Communicating when wearing a mask



Speak slowly, clearly and at a normal volume.



Rephrase remarks when not understood.



Make sure hearing aid users have them on.



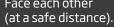
Keep background noise in the room to a minimum.



Take turns when speaking.

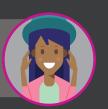


Face each other



When removing your mask...

Check to make sure hearing aids are still in place after removing a mask as they may come off with mask removal.





Memory Tree Galway Lioness Club

The Galway Lioness announces the 26th annual Memory Tree in the Village Park by the bandstand. Our memory tree will be lit with bulbs donated by individuals wishing to remember loved ones during the Christmas season. It is an annual holiday tradition and bulbs can be purchased each year. There is a \$1.00 donation requested per bulb for each individual name submitted. All proceeds will be used for our Community Fund listed below. Names may be submitted until December 31st. Tree will be lit through end of January.

Anyone interested in buying a bulb in memory of someone special may submit that person's name and donation to the Galway Lioness Club.

A list of names of those to be remembered will be posted in the Memory Book, location TBD. Each name will be listed only once. Angels next to the names will indicate additional remembrances.

Community Fund projects we donate to include local Holiday and Spring basket programs, Lions Eye Bank at Albany, Lions Foundation, flags for Memorial Day, Hospice of Saratoga, Regional Food Bank for Galway, Town of Galway Summer Program, the Gateway House of Peace, the Annual Senior Class Breakfast, and a scholarship for a Galway High School senior.

Please join us for the tree lighting on November 29. 2020 at 5:30 PM. Bring a flashlight. After the tree is lit, due to uncertainty with COVID-19, location of the ceremony of reading the names, carol singing and possible refreshments are unknown at this time and will be communicated closer to the lighting date in both the Galway Get Together and the Daily Gazette Community News listing.

The members of the Galway Lioness Club wish to express their gratitude for your support throughout the year and wish you a joyous Christmas season.

Examples of the way names should be listed (\$1.00 per name):

In memory of Mrs. Jane Smith = a \$1.00 donation

In memory of Mr.& Mrs. John Smith = a \$2.00 donation

Donated in memory of:

Total amount enclosed \$_____. Make checks payable to the Galway Lioness Club.

My name is ______and I can be reached by phone at

(in case we need to discuss your remembrances).

Detach and return to Galway Lioness Club, PO Box 502, Galway, NY 12074



Lions Clubs International

Dear Club Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

Flexible payments – No clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.

Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do.

So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi International President SUPPORT FAMILIES OF SERIOUSLY-ILL CHILDREN BY COLLECTING ITEMS FROM OUR WISH LIST!

WISH LIST



<u>Gift Cards for RMH Families & RMH Supplies</u> VISA/MC/AMEX Amazon, Walmart, Target, Home Depot, Lowes, Price Chopper, Hannaford

<u>Gift Cards for Family Travel/Gas Expenses</u> Mobil Gas Cards

> <u>Gift Cards for Family Meals</u> in or near the hospital:

> > Subway Panera Dunkin Starbucks

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Can be hand-washed with a mild dish detergent like Dawn®. After the masks are made, they're washed, sprayed with antiseptic hydrogen peroxide and placed into a zippered plastic bag.



Albany & Troy Lions can call or email Jerry. This order form is for Lions from other clubs.

Mask Or	der Form	
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Questions? jerrygordon@j	uno.com or 518-235-82	232

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Library of resources that includes best practices & guides

Join a community committed to making a difference

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Changing Life through Lenses[™], an Essilor Vision Foundation platform, is a first-of-its-kind charitable solution which provides no-cost glasses to help you expand charitable efforts within your community.

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Qualified Patients

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Make a Positive Impact Today

Did you know 1 in 4 children in the U.S. have a vision problem that affects their ability to learn? 80% of all vision impairment can be prevented or cured. Without charitable eye doctors, millions of children would be unable to obtain vision services.

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How to Get Involved

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DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION FOCUS ON SCREENING?



Spread the Word: Go to eye doctors in your community and tell them about the program.

Share Information: Use the reverse side of this flyer and encourage eye doctors to register.

Send Qualified Patients: Begin sending qualified patients to the eye doctors who are now enrolled in the program.

DO YOU ALSO PROVIDE EXAMS + DISPENSE GLASSES?



Visit the Website: Visit changinglifethroughlenses.org to educate yourself on the program.



Consult with Your Organization: Review the program benefits and requirements with your team.



Create an Account: Register at changinglifethroughlenses.org and gain access to immediate ordering.

QUESTIONS?

View the demonstration video and register at changinglifethroughlenses.org or contact support@evfusa.org.





Club Excellence Awards

Make it your club's tradition to achieve excellence every year!

Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communications and organizational operations may qualify for the prestigious Excellence Awards.

Please use the qualifications outlined in the club excellence award application as your road map to excellence.

Is your club striving to finish the year with a net growth in membership?

Will your club participate in at least three service projects?

Are you promoting your club's events or activities to the community?

If you answered yes to these questions, you may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award.

The Club Excellence Award is more than an award... it is proof that your club is STRONG!

For questions, inquiries or to submit your Club Excellence Award Application you may contact us by email clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or by phone (630) 468-6890

Make achieving the award a winning tradition!

2018-2019 Club Excellence Award Application Deadline date to submit your Club Excellence Award Application is August 31st.

(See application on the next page)





2018-2019 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

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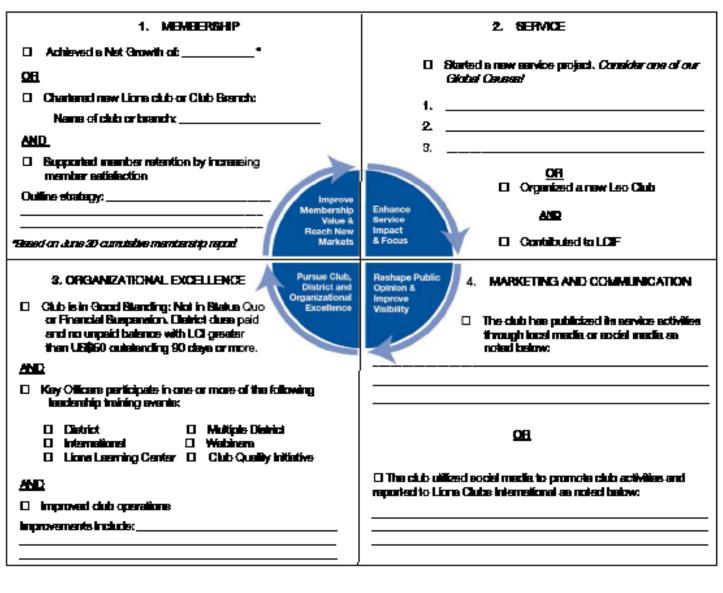
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2018-2019 Club President's Email Address



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2018-2018 District Governor's Signature*

District

Member Number

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District & Club Articles

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3. Fill in requested information.

4. Submit!

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Glens Falls Lions Club

By Lion Karen Rager

Our annual Golf Tournament that was rescheduled from June to October looked iffy but ended up being a success. We had eight teams and a beautiful fall day to raise money, about \$3,000. This will be our only large fundraiser in 2020. We did have a garage sale in august and plan on another in May.

During the tournament, Lion Karen held a Paint and Sip, the third for the club. She only had one person, Lion Kate Doty,

who got a 2 hour private lesson from Karen. They had a great time and painted Airway Meadows from one of their photos on their website. Karen donated her instruction painting to Joan Heber, owner of Airway Meadows.

Thanks to Lion Harold McAfee and the other six Lions participated in our biannual

Saturday, October



In our biannualLion Kate Doty holds her painting of AirwayRoad Cleanup onMeadowes. Awesome job Kate!

17th, which they completed in less than one hour. GREAT WORK!

KING LION AL CERNY, JR.

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Plattsburgh Lions Club PEPPER. THE BLIND PUP

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By Lion Lauren Tyler

S ince the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, organizations like ourselves have had to become more creative in our efforts to provide care and support to our local communities. One of the challenges that the Plattsburgh Lions Club has faced, that I am sure has been felt by all, is the inability to hold events to raise funds for our neighbors and community members, who now may need our assistance more than ever. Due to limits on our ability to do some of the fundraisers we have in the past, not only due to COVID-19 but also to the colder months that are upon us in the North Country, we wondered, how can WE SERVE still?! So, The Plattsburgh Lions Club has decided to hold a Holiday Book Sale/ Fundraiser!

A few years ago our club teamed up with illustrator & coauthor Suzanne Moore & co-author Shelby Moore to bring children and adults alike, the tale of Pepper, the Blind Pup. Pepper was our club mascot and together we spread her story of how she found her way again, despite losing her sight! Even more importantly, together we were able to spread the message that with a will (and a wag!) there is a way to overcome any obstacle. The Plattsburgh Lions Club is hoping to spread this message and Pepper's story to kids near and far, during the holiday season through our discounted holiday book sale. We will be offering the Pepper books for \$6.00 (Regularly \$10.00) including S&H and all proceeds from the sales will go back into our local community.

If any clubs are interested in ordering books on a club level or collecting personal orders for individual members, please feel free to e-mail our club at plattsburghlionsclub@gmail.com for an order form. You can also find information and contact us via our Facebook page, or check out our Amazon sellers page. Be well & Stay safe!

KING LION DENNIS HULBERT

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Pediatric Cancer Awareness Helping Ronald McDonald Hourse

By Lion Diane Lange

House? I spoke with Lori Emery, Director of Operations and she said the RMH is a very different place right now. They have limited volunteer and alot of safety measures in place.

The biggest challenge is providing meals for the families due to the safety regulations and the kitchen being closed.

If Lions would like to help fill this void it can be done by making a donation directly to the Ronald McDonald House towards their meal program. The cost of each meal varies depending upon how many families are in residence. The cost of an evening meal ranges from \$100 to \$280 a night. Many of the local restaurants are offering discounted meals.

You can call directly and speak to Lori and plan a meal donation. The phone number is 518 438-2655. The mailing address is Ronald McDonald House, 139 S.Lake Avenue Albany, NY 12208.

A big thank you to the Albany/Troy for their gift card donations and to the Ballston Spa Lions for their gift card donations and their meal donation of \$200.

"Where there is a need, there is a Lion."

20 W Lions please let me know if you make a donation so you can be recognized.

PEDIATRIC CANCER CHAIR DIANE LANGE

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District Directory Online!

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If you find anything that should be changed or corrected, please let us know with an email to directorychange@20wlions.org

Clinton Lions Club

By Lion Jim Winkler

Everyone continues adjusting their everyday lives in accordance with the virus pandemic. The Lions in Clinton are no different. Although we have found our "normal way" of doing things altered, we make adjustments and continue our service to others as best we can.

Recent "bumps" we've encountered include additional cancellations of upcoming holiday festivities in which we've always participated and not knowing when the restaurant in which we normally meet will reopen. In October, thanks to one of our members being a member of our local Town Board and in recognition of the many services we have performed throughout the community over the past years, we were able to hold our two monthly meetings in our Town Municipal Building. Those in attendance enjoyed "crockpot style" meals prepared by our own club members. We plan on continuing this meeting format and venue in the near term and will be decreasing the number of monthly face-to-face meetings to one every month. We will keep in contact via telephone, e-mail and zoom as required.

At our first October meeting two of our members received a Gold Centennial Award from LCI in recognition of their efforts in growing our club membership during International's Centennial Celebration. Lion Les LaBrecque and Lion Gordon



Reitema were the recipients of this award which was presented by our First Vice President, Gabe Martini, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Lion President, Bob Maxam. In addition to their welldeserved efforts increasing our membership, Lion Les & Gordon are the primary

Gold Centennial Award Presentations: During our October 8th meeting and in compliance with the Covid-19 guidelines of wearing masks, First Vice-President Gabe Martini presents Lion Les LaBrecque (above) and Lion Gordon Reitema (right) with their awards for growing our club during International's Centennial Celebration.



organizers of our annual Garage Sale, which unfortunately had to be canceled this past August because of the virus pandemic.

At our second meeting of the month we continued to explore new, socially distanced methods of service and fundraising in our community. Keeping the current socially responsible guidelines in mind, we discussed possible modifications to our annual White Cane Days fundraiser the weekend before Christmas and ways to more safely participate in the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. We've pretty much settled on mailing an appeal letter to the residents of our town shortly after the Holiday Season and supported the Lions Eye Bank at Albany through the purchase of twenty- \$20 raffle tickets in their upcoming raffle. The raffle is an effort to reduce revenues lost by the Eye Bank due to the virus. If any clubs or individual members are interested in taking a chance on the raffle to be held on December 3, 2020, please contact the Eye Bank in Albany... only 2,000 tickets have been printed. Three prizes of \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500 will be awarded. That would make for a real good club fundraiser for a club or assist in making some individual's holiday season quite a bit better in these difficult times! Someone's going to win...

Fortunately, we have been able to continue being part of the efforts of our Country Pantry in distributing food to the hungry in our area. The number of people needing supplemental food assistance continues to grow as the virus lingers on. On October 19th we were part of the monthly distribution of food to 1,150 people (620-plus vehicles). We packed client's trunks with 34-pound boxes of food containing milk, frozen



meats, yogurt and cheese purchased from our regional Food Bank in Syracuse. In addition, families with children received Kids Packs containing nutritious, "kidfriendly" food for each child in the family. This month the distribution ran so smoothly

Above: October 19 Food Distribution: Clinton Lions & other community volunteers pack food into client's trunk.

Right: October 19 Food Distribution: Majority of the 620+ the 620+ 34-pound boxes of food have been distributed to clients in a little over an hour - the tent was a huge asset as the skies opened up around noon.





that we were through the "rush" in a little over an hour thanks to being set to handle multiple intake and distribution lines at once. The new distribution method of handling the growing number of clients utilized a rented tent under which the boxed food was staged prior to packing the cars. What an improvement! About the time we were completing the "rush", the skies opened up and it began to pour. This new method also proved to be a good learning experience in preparation for the upcoming winter season, since with the virus still very contagious, distribution will continue outside in the parking lot. We're learning & adjusting all the time!

Three club members joined with other organizations in our community on October 3rd to package 32,823 meals in our community's contribution to the worldwide campaign Rise Against Hunger (RAH). This was accomplished in 2 twohour shifts utilizing \$11,416 raised in our community through various methods throughout the year. Our club contributed \$500 to the cause - down from last year due to the reduction in our overall budget because of the cancellation of major fundraising efforts. Information on this "Four Star Charity" program aimed at eliminating worldwide hunger by 2030 can be found by visiting www.rise against hunger.org. Perhaps other clubs would like to obtain information for a future service project.

We continue collecting used eyeglasses from previously established business locations in our area. This month we collected 310 pair of glasses and prepared



District Governor Rick Brisee's visit to the Clinton Lions Clubon October 12th.

them to be forwarded to an eyeglass reclamation center.

The seasons are changing and as winter is approaches, our community's al fresco dining area in the village will soon be disassembled. We were more than happy to join other organizations keeping the area clean and presentable, enabling many to take advantage of this area throughout the summer months. Nine club members completed our part of this community endeavor on Monday & Thursday evenings this past month.Don't Forget to VOTE on or before November 3rd !

KING LION ROBERT MAXAM

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Peace Poster/Essay Contest DEADLINE APPROACHING

By PDG Joan Scott

 $F^{\text{ellow Lions,}}_{\text{Time seems to be flying by and before we know it, it will}$ be November 14th, time for our Fall Conference. This is just a friendly reminder to bring your winning Peace Posters to the Conference or mail them to me by November 12th.

My mailing address is 140 Gailey Hill Road, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846.

PDG JOAN SCOTT PEACE POTER/ESSAY CHAIR

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District 20W NEW CERTIFIED GUIDING LIONS

By PGG Paula Flisnik

Leadership is more than service, it is empowering others to serve.

PDG Paula Flisnik, FDI Trainer held a 20-W Certified Guiding Lions training course.

What does a Certified Guiding Lions (CGL) do? They plan for newly chartered, existing and rebuilding clubs. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president.

Guiding Lions template:

- Assist a club to be successful in its first two years of operation
- Orient and train club officers and members
- Motivate and support club growth and development
- Locate resources available to assist the club

The sessions entailed pre-homework assignments, classroom lecture, and a zoom meeting.

District 20-W is fortunate to have 10 newly Certified Guiding Lions. Listed below are these Certified Guiding Lions who CGL are ready to lead, guide and serve:

- Lion Rosanna Beaudrie, Marcy Telephone Lions Club
- Lion Florence Brisee, Waterford Lions Club
- DG Rick Brisee, Waterford Lions Club
- Martin Gleeson, Heuvelton Lions Club
- Lion Priscilla Laurin, Chazy Lions Club
- 2VDG Ricky Laurin, Chazy Lions Club
- 1VDG Michele O'Hare, Bethlehem Lions Club
- Lion Karen Russell, Chazy Lions Club
- PDG Joan Scott, Hadley-Luzerne Lions Club
- PCC Mark Whitney, Town of Schroon Lions Club

The district will be offering another Certified Guiding Lions Training Course. Be on the watch for the date and location.

Our district is very proud of these Lions. Let's applaud them for their leadership and willingness to help preserve Lions Clubs International's mission, We Serve!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR RICK BRISEE

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Camp Abilities Saratoga camp abilities goes virtual in 2020

by Lion Barbara Bentley

A t the end of April 2020, Camp Abilities Saratoga Director Tiffany Suppes discovered they would not be able to hold Camp Abilities in-person on the Skidmore Campus again this year due to the Covid pandemic.

Instead of not holding the camp, the Camp Abilities Board of Directors decided they were going to offer a virtual experience for the campers. It would definitely be different, but everyone was excited about the venture! The Board worked up a new, revised budget and Tiffany along with Camp Assistant Director, Jeff Yellen, got to work with their coaches to put together a virtual experience for this year's campers. Under Tiffany's direction, the Board purchased equipment that would be sent home in kits for the campers to use and to keep. In addition, iPads were purchased and lent out to those campers who had the technology need in order to participate.

As Camp Director Tiffany said in an interview with Saratoga Today regarding the virtual camp, "We will all have a chance to talk together. A lot of our campers have been coming here for years and they've made a lot of friends that have visual impairments as well. That's not always the case in school for them. A lot of times they're the only child in a school district that may have a visual impairment so it's nice that they made these connections and friends with each other. It lets them be kids."

The camp, held virtually from August 9 to 14, was a huge success as you can read from comments given by the campers, their families and the counselors!

From the Campers

"I love camp so much. This year was different but still awesome! Camp Abilities makes me feel I am someone for sports! Miss everyone!" ~ Austin

"I loved all of the cool gear that came in my CAS Virtual Camp box. I took some things on vacation with me. Camp inspires me to stay active." ~ Ronan

From the Counselors

"What I enjoyed most about Virtual Camp Abilities Saratoga 2020 wasthe ability of our families to experience more of camp. In a normalcamp year our families are there for the beginning kick-off and thecelebration at the end, but this year they were able to experience themagic of the entire week with us. Having families witness the growthand development of their athlete throughout the week was truly special. .Every year we see the impact of camp extend beyond just that oneweek, but this year it feels that effect will be magnified even more." ~ Coach Sara

campabilitiessaratoga.org/registration/



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Sauquoit Valley Lions Club

By Lion John Griffin

Our good works and comradeship continue during the pandemic. Our Club is meeting once a month at Orchard Hall restaurant. In addition to continuing our missions to serve others, it does provide an opportunity to support each other during this difficult time. At our recent meeting on October

22nd, the Club donated home made knitted hats, mittens and scarves to Sauquoit Valley Friends and Neighbors, a local organization that supports those in need in our community. The Club also made donations to the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation,



Lion Connie Griffin, (right), presents knitted goods to Sauquoit Valley Friends and Neighbors director Lion Sherry Kimball. The home-made knitted hats, mittens and scarves were donated by Lion Christine Goossens.

the Sight Society of Northeastern N.Y. and to a local Cancer Research fundraising initiative.

During the meeting Lion President Mike Bader presented the Diamond Centennial Membership Award to Lions Ed Collins, Suzanne Ernst, John Markley and John Griffin.

Our annual Where's the Beef raffle raised \$1,655.00 for the Club. Our thanks to all that supported this fund raiser through the sale and purchase of tickets. The Club is holding our annual Holiday Raffle. Tickets are \$50.00 each with a top prize of \$1,000. The drawing is held in January and tickets can be obtained by contacting any Lions member.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 12th at Orchard Hall. The meeting will feature a speaker from the Children's Golisano Hospital in Syracuse.

KING LION MICHAEL BADER

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MD20 Alert Foundation

By Lion PCC Kelly Clark and DG Rick Brisee

A few years ago, many of you may remember, super storm Sandy hit Long Island and NYC particularly hard and Lions all over the world were very generous with their donations to the rebuilding effort. LCIF was also generous with grant money. We are using that money to build a warehouse and stock it with emergency supplies.

After many years, the MD20 council finally agreed to build a warehouse at Camp Badger to house supplies for any future emergencies. That building was completed almost four years ago and we have been working since then to put supplies into the



wonderful space that we have in Spencer, NY. DG Rick Brisee from District W has been spearheading the job of purchasing



equipment and supplies. He inventories the purchases, stores them safely in the building and he has worked up a plan for distribution of items should the need arise. We have also purchased and wrapped a small trailer (thanks to ID Gary Brown for finding us a bargain). We

have also ordered a larger trailer that will be wrapped once we take delivery.

Currently we have many different items in stock, for example blankets, generators, dehumidifiers, shop vacs, brooms, gloves, tarps, emergency lighting, extensions cords, tents, shovels, cleaning buckets, etc... If anyone has more ideas of items to stock on our shelves, please let us know.

In addition to all of the activity at the building, we have been forming a MD20 Alert Foundation to hold the assets of the committee and shield the MD. We are in the final phase of the Foundation set up and so we hope to have people join the team as directors from all over the state. We need more help and we will be holding formal elections at the MD20 convention in Syracuse May 14-16, 2021.

Please monitor the MD20 website for a link to the MD20 Alert Foundation. We hope to have this up soon and the information will include a complete inventory of the warehouse as well as the procedure to request emergency supplies.

We hope that every MD20 Lions member will consider

whether this may be their passion for service to the whole MD20 community. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either DG Rick Brisee or PCC Kelly Clark, our contact information is included below.



Thank you all for your consideration and your time.

PCC Kelly Clark kclarkmd20@gmail.com DG Rick Brisee rbrisee@hotmail.com

Diabetes Awareness world diabetes day november 14th

By Lion Barbara Bentley

World Diabetes Day (WDD) was started by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organization in 1991 in response to the escalating health threat posed by diabetes. In 2006 it became an official United Nations Day and is marked every year on November 14th, which is the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who codiscovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.

Here are a few statistics, by IDF, that show why diabetes is considered an epidemic:

- 1 in 10 people are living with diabetes
- 1 in 2 adults with diabetes, predominantly Type 2, remain undiagnosed
- 1 in 3 American adults have pre-diabetes
- 9 in 10 people with pre-diabetes don't know they have it

Diabetes is one of Lions Clubs Internationl's five global causes and is the signature cause of Lions and Leos around the world. With November 14th being World Diabetes Day, what can Lions and Leos do to help raise awareness of prediabetes and diabetes, despite the pandemic?

- Share the link www.lionsclubs.org/wdd with your club members. LCI has a goal of reaching 100,000 minutes of simple virtual activities to educate, raise awareness and fight diabetes by World Diabetes Day on November 14th.
- Share the Prediabetes Risk Assessment test at any

fundraisers, service projects or food pantry drives in your community. It can be THAT SIMPLE to get the word out on pre-diabetes awareness!! The test can be found electronically or in print https://www.cdc. gov/prediabetes/takethetest/

- Invite a Certified Diabetes Educator, another knowledgebale healthcare provider or our District Diabetes Chair (a Certified Diabetes Paraprofessional), to speak at one of your in-person or virtual club meetings.
- Promote diabetes education and awareness on your club's social media pages. You don't need to search far for things to share. You can simply share tips found on our District 20W Diabetes Facebook Page, https://www.facebook.com/LionsDistrict20WDiabetes.
- Search out your local Cornell Cooperative Extension, http://cce.cornell.edu, and sponsor or hold virtual programs, such as a Dining with Diabetes and invite members of your club and the community to participate. Or, invite club members and the community to share in the Dining with Diabetes program already scheduled and being held virtually by Cornell Cooperative of the Capital District (see flyer in the newsletter).

Anyone throughout the District is welcome to register! We have a number of great opportunities throughout our District to make a lasting impact on our communities when it comes to raising awareness and education for pre-diabetes and diabetes. Please feel free to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance!

DIABETES CHAIR LION BARBARA BENTLEY

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Chazy Lions Club Inductions and Awards

By Lion Priscilla Laurin



Lion Rick is presented the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, by Lion Merry Souza, who is on the LCI international board and also VT state district governor. At Merry's right is her husband Richard. At Rick's right is his wife Lion Priscilla.



District Governor Rick Brisee inducts new Lions Priscilla Laurin, (sponsor Lion Rick Laurin), and Sue LaBelle, (sponsor Lion Karen Russell).



District Governor Rick Brisee vists the Chazy Lions Club.

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Empire State Special Needs Experience/Lions Camp Badger

By Cynthia Reuter

reetings!

It's hard to believe that it's already November. As I write this, we've been enjoying a few days in a row of beautiful, warm and sunny days. I am trying to remind myself to take time to absorb the beauty of the sights and smells of fall before it's gone. While I do also enjoy the beauty and quiet of winter, fall is my favorite season. There's just something about the emotional connection to thoughts of hunkering down with a warm blanket and a hot cup of soup, chili, or coffee. I know that by the end of February I will have had enough of the chili, but for now, I crave it.

About a week ago, I decided to take the golf cart out one last time to grab some photos around the camp before the trees were bare. Here's a look:

#GivingTuesday:



We all know that Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving and the theory is that is the day that most retailers are finally operating in the "black," or finally showing a profit for the year. To show appreciation to their customers, they usually offer good sales and great bargains on their goods. Some time ago, Cyber Monday was introduced as a way for online retailers to hop on board and create special sales initiatives for the online shoppers.

Now there is #GivingTuesday. After all the spending is over, it's time to think about giving back. #GivingTuesday was



created for us to show our love and support of our favorite charities. #GivingTuesday is December 1st. The Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization and a NYS registered charity. Please consider ESSNE in your #GivingTuesday donations or end of year giving. You can find donation links on our website and Facebook page, or you may send a check directly to: Lions Camp Badger, 725 LaRue Rd, Spencer, NY 14883.

As always, THANK YOU for being fans of Lions Camp Badger. For more information, feel free to call me in the office or you can always find lots of helpful information on our (newly designed) website. HAPPY FALL!

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By Lion Jerry Gordon

October Zoom Club Board Meeting

Lion Tom has shipped 3000 used glasses to the recycling center.

Lion Ruth has sold 310 bottles of sanitizer, with more expected.

Lion Jerry has sold 13 masks, with more expected.

Lion Tom reported that the SaveAround books were at the printer and we should have them soon.

KL Eva reported that committee (Jodi & Carol) would have a proof of the sign for the blueberry patch by Sep 11 for the board's comments.

KL Eva hopes to start an outreach campaign to find volunteers to help us with projects.

We voted to buy \$200 worth of raffle tickets from the Sight Society/Lions Eye Bank.

In an email vote after the meeting, we voted to participate in LCI's Peace Poster contest. Lion Preem will run the program with her Our Art Class project.

October Zoom Club Charitable Board Meeting

Lion Ruth has one applicant for glasses that she's working with, and one requestor who found another source.

Lion Jerry has sent out one hearing aid application.

Lion Jerry explained the new rules for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends program: Instead of getting tickets that we sell for \$5, all we have to do is publicize the sale days, which are Oct 14 &15. If customers mention Albany & Troy Lions at checkout, they will get a 20% discount and we will get 5% of their purchases. In an email vote after the meeting, we approved spending \$15 to print up 250 "reminder" tickets to distribute.

District Pediatric Cancer Chair Diane Lange is promoting a project to collect \$10 gift cards from places like Stewart's, Hannaford, Price Chopper, Walmart, Dunkin Donuts and CVS. These would be given to the parents of childhood cancer patients at Melodies Center at Albany Med, Ronald McDonald House, or in Hope Bags. We voted to donate \$200 worth of cards. IPP Carol volunteered to buy the cards, plus \$100 AlbanyTroyLions.org October 2020 worth of her own, and deliver them to Lion Diane.

We were awarded a \$15,000 Community Development Grant to distribute 2000 face masks and 5287 bottles of hand sanitizer to the Albany neighborhoods of West Hill, South End, and Arbor Hill that have been identified as low-income. There ensued an intense discussion around several concerns: Will we have to spend the full amount before we get reimbursed; What is the cost of the insurance we're required to carry; Can we comply with the required documentation, record-keeping and reporting requirements; Are the conflict of interest concerns. Several board members who work with other non-profits that got similar grants from the same agency were able to allay most concerns, and a motion to accept the grant was passed by a vote of 7-2. We passed a motion to purchase the required theft insurance for \$120, which would be paid by the club and not the charitable fund. We passed a motion to spend no more than \$627, the cost of a case of 240 sanitizers, until we see how the reimbursement experience goes. A committee comprising Lions Eva, Greg, Jodi, Preem, Larry, Chris H and Jerry will oversee grant performance, with regular reports to the rest of the board.

Back in June at our Zoom installation of officers, we presented a few awards: a clock to Paul Vergoni for being treasurer for



Distinguished Service award to Lion Preem, a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Greg, and a President's Appreciation plaque to Lion Carol. Pictures

of the awards were in the July Rare Meat, but because we haven't had an in-person meeting, we've been unable to make the actual presentations, so we've been doing it piecemeal. Preem came to our house to pick hers up, we brought Paul's to his lovely new home in Mechanicville, and we delivered Greg's to him at Albany Victory Garden. Carol wasn't home when we brought her the plaque, so there's no picture.

November Zoom Club Board Meeting

Lion Jerry has sold a total of 17 masks.

KL Eva reported that committee (Eva, Jodi & Carol) would have a proof of the sign for the blueberry patch by Oct 25 for the board's comments.

KL Eva hopes to start an outreach campaign to find volunteers to help us with projects.

Lion Ruth agreed to investigate possible places for an inperson meeting on Nov 4, when DG Rick will be visiting us.

Lion Preem has 4 or 5 kids signed up to participate in the Peace Poster Contest. We will get to vote on them at our November meeting.

The winning poster will compete against the others from

the district at the 20W Fall Conference on Nov. 14 in Lake George.

Many years ago, we inherited Texaco stock, which, through buyouts and splits, is now 154 shares of Chevron that has been giving us quarterly dividends. Paul had kept this in his personal safe-deposit box, but now we have turned it over to Lion Dennis Fagan for professional safe keeping.

Because of a technical glitch with Zoom, we never got to the Charitable Fund portion and the meeting self-adjourned at about 7:15 pm.

With increased work pressure and a new baby, Lion Irv is unable to devote adequate time to being treasurer. In an email vote on Oct 23-26, the board passed a motion to make Irv 1st -year Director; this position became available when Paul Vergoni retired from the club.

In a separate motion, we approved making Lion Ruth Sano the Club Treasurer.

In an email vote on Oct 23-26, the board approved the formation of the Albany Leo Club with Lion Preem as the Advisor.

Lion Preem has been working with an art class for youth at the Refugee Welcome Center in Albany and for the first time in many years, we'll have an entry for LCI's Peace Poster contest. This year's theme is "Peace through Service." This is a project for kids from 11-13 years old. Each club picks its own winner (ours will be chosen at the Nov 4 meetinganother reason to attend). At the Fall Conference on Nov 14, a district winner will be chosen from among the club winners. This continues up through each level of the LCI structure until a grand prize winner is announced at Lions Day at the United Nations on March 20, 2021.

I am thrilled to announce that Preem has assembled a group of 15-20 youth, age 12-18, that comprises kids from the art class, from the silver-glove championship boxing team she has been supervising, and other neighborhood kids. They will be the founding members of the Albany Leo Club! This is something we have been discussing for years, and thanks to Lion Preem, it's finally going to happen. (BTW, she's been a Lion for only 15 months.)

Community Development Grant

This is the \$15,000 grant we got from Albany County to distribute 5287 bottles of hand sanitizer and 2000 face masks in Albany's West Hill, Arbor Hill and South End neighborhoods. So far, we have given out 4800 bottles and 2000 masks. About one-third of the bottles went at five



sessions of the Pandemic Produce Market, an event run by Greg and Jodi Sheldon a few doors down from our blueberry patch, where they distribute fresh produce for free to the West Hill neighborhood. Other places where we've given out sanitizer and masks include Albany's Census event on 9/19, Albany Fest on 9/26, SNUG event on 10/5, the Refugee Welcome Center, the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, the Alpha Pregnancy Center, and the three city-sponsored Halloween events on 10/31.

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Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI)

By Tara A. Capponi

The Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired (CABVI) celebrates October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) and White Cane Day by announcing its Employee of the Year Awards to three exceptional employees. NDEAM's theme this year is Increasing Access and Opportunity.

This year's recipients are:

Joseph Palmeri, Production Worker. 2020 New York State Preferred Source Program (NYSPSP) Employee of the Year. Mr. Palmeri has been a loyal employee of CABVI for 17 years. He is a versatile member of Central Industries and has worked in several areas of production. "Joe is one of CABVI's top performers, and his quality of work is exemplary," said Dennis Webster, Senior VP of Manufacturing.

John Enders, Licensed Social Worker. Mr. Enders brings over 25 years of experience in education and counseling to his position, reflecting the growth of CABVI's Social Work Department.

"As an individual with vision loss, he is effective helping others to embrace change and positively move their lives forward," CABVI Director of Rehabilitation Clinical Services, Betsy Harvey-Minutti said. "He is an exceptional resource for families, parents, and staff." Mr. Enders is developing an innovative program that teaches children to manage various stressors connected to their vision loss by helping them to improve executive functioning skills, like flexible thinking and self-control.

John Coveleski, Customer Service Representative I. Since 2012, John has been a face for the agency's contact center at Kent Street as a Customer Service Representative. He has traveled the country to evaluate call centers accessibility for workers who are blind or visually impaired.

Mr. Coveleski collaborated with CABVI's Information Technology Team to test new systems and software versions for users in the contact center who are legally blind or visually impaired. "John assists with new employee training while helping tenured employees with refreshers or simpler ways to use call center programs," said Jessica Watson, VP of Services.

This year is the nation's 75th observance of NDEAM, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP). The observance coincides with White Cane Day, October 15, and DOL's commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which is vital for the health, well-being and lives of disabled individuals. CABVI president & CEO Edward Welsh noted people with disabilities are experienced problem solvers.

"If this year has shown us anything, it is that flexibility is important for both workers and employers. National Disability Employment Awareness Month and CABVI celebrate the ingenuity individuals who are blind bring to our workplace."

CABVI has 275 employees. Employees who are legally blind amount to about 40 percent, or 110 members of its workforce.

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Service Toolkit https://tinyurl.com/ybq7vnhd

Club Resource Center https://tinyurl.com/y7onrj7l

Club President https://tinyurl.com/ycbk919e

Lions Learning Center https://tinyurl.com/y96hmy27

Lions University https://lionsuniversity.org/ Club Secretary https://tinyurl.com/y9ke23xg

Club Treasurer https://tinyurl.com/y92he2c8

Membership Chair https://tinyurl.com/yckcqm6u

Services Chair https://tinyurl.com/y7nepq8p

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Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS

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Below is a list of assistive devices available at many of LHCS of NYS's Loan-Out Centers. (Other equipment may be available upon request)

Pocketalker

Personal amplifier. Ideal for one-to-one communication and TV listening.

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Wireless portable amplification system. Transmits up to 300 feet. Helpful for an individual or large group situation.

Alert Master

Uses a pillow shaker and a lamp flashing simultaneously to alert you to a smoke detector sounding, door knocking, telephone ringing, and alarm clock activation.

Amplified Telephone

Adjustable volume control with amplified ringer.

Cap-Tel Telephone

Telephone that has both amplification and caption capability. Telephone ringing, and alarm clock activation.

Amplified Telephone Ringers

Provides adjustable ring volume, frequency, and pitch tone.

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Pager works with the Alert Master. You wear it to alert to sounds while awake.

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301 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12206 Voice: (518) 463-1211, ext. 241

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